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SUBJECT: ALEXANDRIA PORT CONGESTION

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1. MINSTATE FOR SUPERVISION ABDUL FATAH ABDULLAH SPENT DAY OF 19 NOVEMBER INSPECTING PROGRESS ON CRASH PROGRAM TO CLEAR MASSIVE CONGESTION IN PORT OF ALEXANDRIA (REFTEL. IN PRESS CONFERENCE LATER HE ANNOUNCED THAT 500,000 TONS (SIC) OF BULK GOODS AND OTHER IMPORTS HAD BEEN MOVED OUT IN LAST TWO WEEKS WITH DAILY TOTALS REACHING 17,000 TONS (MATHEMATICAL IMPOSSIBILITY). DOCK AREA NOW VIRTUALLY EMPTY, HE SAID.

2. AT PRESENT 56 SHIPS ARE DOCKSIDE UNLOADING AND 49 LYING AT ANCHOR. TRAINS AND TRUCKS ARE COMING ALONGSIDE FOR DIRECT SHIP TO GROUND TRANSPORT UNLOADING, WITH CUSTOMS FORMALITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN AFTER GOODS LEAVE PORT. BECAUSE OF STILL IMPENDING FLOOD OF IMPORTS, THIS SYSTEM WILL CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER BEFORE RETURNING TO NORMAL CUSTOMS CLEARANCE PROCEDURES.

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3. PRESS REPORTS 100 VESSELS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ALEX IN NEXT

TWO WEEKS, BUT ONLY 78 HAVE RECEIVED BERTHING INSTRUCTIONS.
OTHER 22 HAVE BEEN CABLED ORDERING DELAY IN ARRIVAL. SIGNED
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